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1. On 18 March 1952, the Alte Infanterie Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse in Burg (N 53/Y 81) quartered 700 to 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Not all the quarters were lighted at nightfall. Residents stated that several tanks departed toward Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00) about 1 March. Troops in the southern section of the billeting area were engaged in maintenance duty on 6 T-34/85 tanks and 15 to 18 trucks, [redacted] and one truck [redacted]. Two JS-3 tanks and 4 T-34/85 tanks drove across the terrain and 150 soldiers practiced in the terrain in groups and platoons. [redacted]

2. On 18 March, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Zerbster Strasse was not occupied to capacity. It quartered about 1,200 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. All except three buildings were lighted at dusk. There was no training activity. Troops worked on numerous trucks in front of the garages. From 500 to 600 men were engaged in field training at group and platoon level on the training area south of the installation. They were equipped with small arms. Most of them wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four officers and 24 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced with four 57-mm AT guns on Am Krachenberg (hill) south of Burg. Four more artillery pieces of a estimated 85-mm were parked a short distance from the troops. A resident employed near the Neue Infanterie Kaserne told source that an artillery unit with 20 trucks and 12 field howitzers left the barracks installation for Altengrabow about two weeks ago. [redacted]

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3. On 19 March 1952, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Zerbster Strasse was occupied by about 200 officers and 1,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. About 40 soldiers were engaged in physical exercise in the billeting area. Another 100 soldiers performed close-order drill between the quarters. [redacted]

4. On 19 March, the Alte Infanterie Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse quartered about 150 officers and 800 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, with most of them wearing tank insignia and some artillery insignia. Ten tank trucks

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were parked in a shed. No unusual training activity was noticed. On 3 March JS-3 tank [REDACTED] tanks were seen in the barracks yard.

[REDACTED] Six JS-3 tanks were unloaded at the Burg railroad station and moved to the Alte Infanterie Kaserne on 16 March. Three more JS-3 tanks were unloaded on 21 March. \*

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. The report contains no new information from the two barracks installations in Burg, except that the strength of troops there decreased. [REDACTED] It is possible that components of the 136th Ods Sv Tank Bn Regt of the Third Slovak Army, from the Alte Infanterie Kaserne, and components of the 14th (?) Army Bnig, from the Neue Infanterie Kaserne, have been engaged in practices at Altengrabow since the beginning of March 1952. Elements of the first unit possibly returned again in the middle of March 1952. None of these units were observed at Altengrabow.

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